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CLAIMS

[1] (amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte battery comprising:

a positive electrode (1) including a positive

5 electrode active material layer;

a negative electrode (2) including a negative
electrode active material layer;

a nonaqueous electrolyte (5); and

10 a conductive material, contained in said positive
electrode active material layer, containing carbon black
having a specific surface area of at least 1 m²/g and less
than 800 m²/g and a nitride having particles of at least
0.2 µm and not more than 5 µm in average particle diameter
easily dispersed into said positive electrode active
15 material layer.

[2] (deleted)

20 [3] (amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according
to claim 1, wherein said nitride includes a metal nitride.

[4] The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim
3, wherein said metal nitride includes zirconium nitride
(ZrN or Zr₃N₂).

[5] (deleted)

[6] (amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte battery comprising:
a positive electrode (1) including a positive
5 electrode active material layer;
a negative electrode (2) including a negative
electrode active material layer;
a nonaqueous electrolyte (5); and
a conductive material, contained in said positive
10 electrode active material layer, containing carbon black
and a nitride having particles of at least 0.2 µm and not
more than 5 µm in average particle diameter easily
dispersed into said positive electrode active material
layer.

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[7] (deleted)

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[8] (amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according
to claim 6, wherein said nitride includes a metal nitride.
[9] The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim
8, wherein said metal nitride includes zirconium nitride
(ZrN or Zr₃N₂).

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[10] (amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte battery

according to claim 6, wherein said carbon black has a specific surface area of at least 1 m²/g and less than 800 m²/g.

5 [11] A nonaqueous electrolyte battery comprising:
a positive electrode (1) including a positive electrode active material layer;
a negative electrode (2) including a negative electrode active material layer;
10 a nonaqueous electrolyte (5); and
a conductive material, contained in said positive electrode active material layer, containing carbon black having a specific surface area of at least 1 m²/g and less than 800 m²/g and zirconium nitride (ZrN or Zr₃N₂) having
15 particles of at least 0.2 µm and not more than 5 µm in average particle diameter easily dispersed into said positive electrode active material layer.